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PARIS, July 31.

It is now generally agreed on, that the count d'Estaing is gone towards Cadiz, to take the command of the combined fleet; some assert positively, that he is going to America with 13 ships, which have sailed from Brest and Cadiz, and that the Spanish fleet, consisting of 24 or 25 sail, will be joined by seven or eight more, under the orders of M. Du-Roi, who will command the whole, it being not in the least probable that it should be under a Spanish commander, especially if a descent on England is intended; at least, the public are in hopes so much expense, and such formidable preparations, will not be useless.

COPENHAGEN, July 17. The dispatches brought here by the last courier from Petersburg, are kept very secret, and conferences are held daily between the Russian minister and our ministry; from whence it is concluded, that affairs of the greatest importance are on the carpet. Orders have been dispatched to our ministers residing at the court of London, Versailles and Madrid, to make a declaration there similar to that which has been communicated by the court of Petersburg.

LONDON, July 13.

Government has issued proper notices to all the American refugees belonging to the province of South-Carolina to hold themselves in readiness to depart for that colony, it being declared to be in the king's peace.

July 27. Yesterday at noon dispatches were forwarded to Plymouth, to be sent from thence to Admiral Geary, acquainting him that a convoy of Dutch ships are expected at Brest about the first of next month, and also with private informations concerning the sailing of a fleet of transports from Havre, with near 5000 men on board.

Lord North it seems, has offered to grant the East-India company's renewal of their charter for 21 years, on condition of the company advancing the sum of 2,000,000. sterling towards the supplies for next year.

July 31. Two different squadrons are ordered to be fitted out, one at Plymouth, of four sail of the line and frigates; the other at Spithead, of eight sail of the line. On what expedition they are intended it is difficult to guess, or whether they are designed for reinforcements to certain stations.

August 2. They write from Copenhagen, that an edict of his Danish majesty is just issued, prohibiting liberty to all the subjects of that crown to trade on their own account to the four quarters of the globe, Europe, Asia, Africa and America, and that in consequence of this some new commercial companies and societies are forming.

August 4. Yesterday general Prevost, lately arrived in town from Georgia, was at court for the first time since his arrival. He was introduced to his majesty by the lord in waiting, and graciously received.

The following is (very nearly at least) the real state of the European navies now on foot; Great-Britain 98 sail of the line, France 72, Spain 46, Portugal 5, Holland 23, Russia 26, Sweden 12, Denmark 11, the smaller vessels are not so easily ascertained, but may be rated proportionably.

August 16. Administration it is said are determined to defend the honour of the British flag, and the superiority of the seas; in consequence of which a sufficient fleet is ordered to rendezvous at Spithead, and watch the motions of the neutral ships, without detaching admiral Geary from the important service on which he is engaged before Brest.

August 17. The empress of Russia has made a present to the emperor of Germany, of a ship of the line and four frigates, in order to make his imperial majesty a maritime power, and from the assistance of his name, to give a further colour to the northern marine confederacy. The emperor has ordered his new fleet to rendezvous at Odessa, a port of his royal mother's, having no one of his own that will admit the smallest sutter in the British service.

August 28. A very strong memorial was dispatched yesterday to Mr. Harris, our envoy at Petersburg, to be presented without a moment's delay to the empress, in consequence of the present hostile appearance of the Russian flag in the British channel, while the two nations reciprocally profess the most perfect amity towards each other.

FISH-KILL, Oct. 26.

Extract of a letter from an officer of distinction, dated Cagnewage, October 20.

"General Van Rensselaer with the militia, and levies under colonel Du Bois, engaged the enemy under Sir John Johnston yesterday evening, at Fox's mills, Tryon county; and, after a very severe action of three quarters of an hour, forced them to give way and cross the river, leaving their plunder, baggage and prisoners behind them;—an hour's light would have given us the whole party. The action was general and vigorous. Colonel Brown was killed in skirmishing in the fore part of the day. The country is desolated from fort Hunter up to Stone-Arabia, and a part of it—the grain and forage, all destroyed. His excellency the governor was at the time of the action at this place, forcing a march, with a considerable force, to join general Van Rensselaer in pursuing the enemy, who must in all probability, fall into our hands."

"The above party likewise destroyed Schoharie on the 7th instant. The inhabitants got in the forts, who, with the garrisons, are safe."

RICHMOND, Oct. 25.

Extract of a letter from general Davidson, dated camp, Rocky river, Oct. 13, 1780.

"We have a report by a man of veracity just arrived from within six miles, that the enemy have evacuated Charlotte; and that last night at 10 o'clock, the rear of the army passed Barnett's creeks, five miles beyond Charlotte, on the road to Beggers ferry."

OCTOBER 13, 7 o'clock.

SIR,

THIS moment Mr. McCafferty is come to me, and informs that the rear of the enemy left Charlotte at 4 o'clock last evening, that he went with them to Barnett's creeks, five miles below town, on the road to Armon's ford.

Extract from general Sumner, dated October 13, 9 o'clock in the evening, camp, Taddin jerd.

SIR,

"About an hour ago I received the enclosed by express from general Davidson, of the enemy's retreat from Charlotte, towards beggers ferry, on Catawba river. I shall immediately march after the enemy so as to annoy them as much as possible. Colonel Morgan arrived in camp, about two o'clock this afternoon, with his troops."

Major-general Gates."

Extract of a letter from general Davidson, dated at camp, McCins (Alexanders) Oct. 14, 1780.

"Last evening I marched to Charlotte with the remainder of the cavalry, and by the latest intelligence, the enemy were on the way to Nation ford. Colonel Davie was unfortunate enough not to hear of their movements till 4 o'clock last evening; he is now in pursuit with all the cavalry, except a troops. The cavalry left town last Wednesday, and no certain account of their return. The enemy seem to have gone off with an alarm; from what circumstance is uncertain. The inhabitants of the town say, they left their kettles on the fire, and twenty waggons which they left five miles from town, with a quantity of valuable loading, have fallen into our hands. Express this moment arrived from colonel Davie, informs that the main body of the enemy laid last night eleven miles from town, on the road to Nation ford, I propose to march downwards to day."

Extract of a letter from general Harrington to the board of war of the state of North-Carolina, dated camp, Cross creek, Oct. 15.

"I have the satisfaction to assure the board, that the enemy's retreat was so precipitate, that they did not take time to burn any houses on their departure; and by that hurry, all the mills

on Pedee have been preserved from destruction. Colonel Brown informs me that a person lately from Georgia, confidently asserts, that 6000 French have landed at Sunbury; and I have accounts from the different parts of South-Carolina to the same purpose, but without the least mention of Bethie's 1000 British being gone from Charlotte-town. Colonel Donoldson also writes, that a person I am acquainted with has just returned to Pedee from the Two Sisters on Savannah river, and brings certain accounts that a colonel Clarke, after two days trial, had taken Augusta, and made prisoners colonel Thomas Brown, some other British officers, a few regulars, and some Indians. The same person says, it was generally believed on that part of Savannah, that the French and Spanish had actually landed 7000 at Sunbury, and that to his own knowledge many families, friends to government, had moved to the north-east side of the river from Georgia. He asserts, that he was assured governor Wright had impressed a great number of negroes, to repair the redoubts and other works round Savannah town; and that to his own knowledge people were generally alarmed, and salt sold for a guinea a bushel. He farther adds, that the Vigilant is taken, and that two British frigates have been taken off the bar of Charles-town. As soon as I can learn a confirmation of this most interesting intelligence, I shall do myself the pleasure of communicating it to you. By a person from Camden, who left it last Monday, I learn that there were not any troops in that place, and that our people who were prisoners, were allowed only two ounces of bread and four of meat per day."

Extract of a letter from Hillsborough, October 16, 1780.

"Colonel Clarke with a body of South-Carolinians, have surprised and taken Augusta. At the very instant the commandant was holding a treaty with the South Indians. Colonel Clarke defeated the British and Indians, and loaded 300 horses with the goods and presents collected at that post. Colonel McDowell, who brought me this intelligence, says, he has seen several of the men who were in the action, and who have returned into his neighbourhood with a share of the plunder."

Passages in some intercepted letters from lord Cornwallis and other British officers confirm (information otherwise received) that Georgetown in South-Carolina has been taken by an American party, in which occasion the enemy are said to have suffered considerably.

PHILADELPHIA, October 28.

Yesterday morning arrived the privateer brig Ariel, captain Lawler. On the 30th of September captain Lawler took the ship Sufanna, commanded by George Parker, from Corke, bound to Charles-town, with a valuable assorted cargo of provisions, &c. The 15th instant spoke with a prize to the Holker privateer, from Plymouth, laden with wine and cordage, who informed captain Lawler, that two days before her capture the Fair American and Holker had taken a brig from Liverpool, with dry goods, which, from circumstances, we have reason to hear from hourly. The Sufanna is arrived at Newcastle, and expected up every tide.

We hear from New-York, that several of the officers of the Guadeloupe and Trident frigates, who lately arrived at New-York, are exceedingly clamorous and dissatisfied with their commanding officers, for declining to engage two of our frigates (the Trumbull and Deane). They publicly declare, that they were to windward of our frigates, and at one time within musket shot of them; and that the American ships, instead of attempting to get out of their way, made every preparation for engaging. It is expected one or both of their commanders will be called to account for their dastardly behaviour on this occasion.

Twenty French line of battle ships lately returned to Cape Francois, having convoyed the homeward bound West-India fleet into a proper latitude.

Lately departed this life, in Berkley county, Virginia, Mr. Robert Gates, only son of major general Gates.

In CONGRESS, Oct. 14, 1780.

Resolved, That the thanks of congress be given to general Smallwood and Gill, and to the officers and soldiers of the Maryland and Delaware lines, the different corps of artillery, col. Potterfield's and major Armstrong's corps of light infantry, and colonel Armand's cavalry, for their bravery and good conduct displayed in the action of the 16th of August last, near Camden, in the state of South Carolina.

Resolved, That the thanks of congress be given to such of the militia officers and soldiers, who distinguished themselves by their valour on that occasion.

Extract from the minutes,
CHARLES THOMSON, Sec.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 7.

A paragraph in a St. Kitt's newspaper, of the 30th of September, mentions, that seven Dutch men of war had arrived at St. Eustatius, to protect their trade.

A ship from Boston, mounting 18 guns, loaded with lumber and fish, was taken and carried into St. Kitt's the latter end of September last.

ANNAPOLIS, Nov. 10.

The honourable major general Greene, and the honourable major general the baron de Steuben, with their suites, arrived in this city, on Wednesday evening, on their way to the southward. General Greene is to command the southern troops in the room of general Gates.

Extract of a letter from St. Eustatius, dated Oct. 2.

"On the 25th ult. arrived on this station the Dutch rear admiral Krull, in a sixty-four; this gentleman has already given us proofs that the trade will be better protected than hitherto; for two days ago, as captain Steet, in a Baltimore schooner, was endeavouring to get into this road, he was cut off by a brigantine privateer that came from towards St. Kitt's; the admiral got springs on his cables to bring his broadside to bear, and frequently fired, but without effect, the brig being at a distance; the boat fearing to stand for the road longer, bore away; at this moment of time the admiral had two barges manned with marines, and ordered them to get on board the boat if possible; this however was rendered impracticable on account of her bearing away, but it shewed the admiral's good intention. I have also much satisfaction in telling you, that on the said day an American brig from Baltimore saluted the admiral, which was returned. This is the first instance for some years, and in fact a salute was never returned here but once, for which our governor was ordered home and severely reprimanded; the admiral has said, if a continental vessel salutes him he will return gun for gun; this is a favourable circumstance, and I am convinced the northern alliance will make the different flags very respectable."

By his EXCELLENCY
THOMAS SIM LEE, Esquire,
GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND,
A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS full power and authority is given to me, by and with the advice of the council, to continue the act, entitled, An act to prohibit for a limited time the exportation of wheat, flour, rye, Indian corn, rice, bread, beef, pork, bacon, live stock, peas, beans, oats, and other victual, and for other purposes, from and after the tenth day of this instant, until the end of the next session of the general assembly, and to issue my proclamation accordingly, provided the embargo be continued in the states of Pennsylvania and Delaware, so that the trade of Delaware may be not open for the emolument of the people residing on the waters, or in the vicinity thereof. And it appearing, that the embargo hath been continued in the state of Pennsylvania until the thirtieth day of this month, and in the state of Delaware until the twentieth day of October next. And Whereas by my proclamation issued on the ninth instant, by and with the advice of the council, the said act was continued until this day, and having good grounds to believe that the embargo in the state of Pennsylvania hath been continued in force. I do therefore, by and with the advice of the council, hereby continue the said act until the end of the next session of this general assembly.

GIVEN at Annapolis, this thirtieth day of September, in the year of our Lord, seven, teen hundred and eighty.

THO. SIM LEE.

By his EXCELLENCY's command,
T. JOHNSON, junior, sec.

GOD SAVE THE STATE.

FOR SALE,

A STRONG healthy NEGROMAN, 22 years of age, has served 50 years in a merchant mill, and is complete in that business. No other motive than his having attempted to escape to the enemy induces the proprietor to dispose of him. Any person desirous to purchase is requested to apply to colonel William Fitzhugh, Calvert county.

By the COMMITTEE OF GRIEVANCES and COURTS OF JUSTICE, Nov. 11, 1780.

NOTICE is hereby given, that this committee will sit at the Stadt-house from 3 o'clock in the afternoon, untill, on each day, during the present session of assembly.

By order,
G. RANKEN, cl. com.

Charles county, October 18, 1780.

I HAVE in my custody, committed as a runaway, a negro man named HARRY, who says he belongs to Patterson Fletcher, of Culpepper county in Virginia; he is a short well set fellow, about twenty-four years of age, and speaks good English; had on when brought to gaol, an old white country cloth jacket, and an old pair of country linen trousers. His master is desired to pay charges and take him away.

BENJ. CAWOOD, jun. sheriff.

Charles county, August 23, 1780.

BROKE gaol yesterday evening and made their escape, the two following fellows, to wit: A negro man committed to my custody as a runaway, on the 21st of July last, by the name of GEORGE, the property of John Nelson; (I have been since informed of Frederick county) he is a small fellow, and appears to be young, he is a Guinean, but speaks tolerable good English; and appears to be very artful and cunning; had on and took with him when he made his escape, an old white linen shirt, a country linen ditto, a pair short linen breeches, and a felt hat. And a negro man named PETER, the property of Mrs. Elizabeth Adams, committed to my custody on the 10th inst. for poisoning; he is much stricken in years, and talks bad English; had on a country linen shirt, and old country cloth breeches. Whoever apprehends the said negroes, and secures them in any gaol, so that I get them again, shall receive a reward of one hundred and fifty continental dollars for each, or either of them, and all reasonable charges paid; and if brought home to me, one dollar for every mile above thirty.

BENJAMIN CAWOOD, jun. sheriff.

July 11, 1780.

Office for stating and settling the public accounts. THE commissioners find it necessary, for the public service, to give further notice, that the honourable assembly, at their March session, 1780, enacted a law, entitled "A Supplement to the act for the assessment of property, the 19th section whereof is as follows:—And be it enacted, That the several collectors, at the time of settlement of their accounts with the commissioners of the tax for their county, shall account to the said commissioners for the treble tax due by law in their counties respectively, and the said collectors shall pay the treble tax by them collected, or which by law they ought to collect, to the treasurer of his shire, at the time appointed by law for the payment of the public assessment, and in case of default they shall be answerable for and liable to pay an interest of 20 per cent on the said sums; and every collector, who hath collected the treble tax, and omitted to pay the same into the treasury, and every collector who by law ought to have collected the treble tax, shall be accountable for the treble tax due by law in his county to the commissioners for stating and settling the public accounts."—And, whereas the duty enjoined by law on the collectors hath in many instances been totally neglected, and in others only in part complied with, the several collectors will therefore be pleased to take notice of the necessity there is for making due returns and payments regularly for the future, and that a report of the proceedings on this law will be laid before the honourable assembly at their next meeting.

Signed per order
T. GASSAWAY, Clk.

TAKEN up at the plantation of Joseph Wilson, near Bladensburg, a black horse, 14 hands high, paces, has no brand, is about 13 years old. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges.

500 CONTINENTAL DOLLARS REWARD.

Greenberry's-point, Oct. 2, 1780.

RAN away from the subscriber, the 2d of last, a negro woman named SUE; she is about forty years of age, very black, and has a white mark on her brow by the border of her hair (wool) the only certain mark to describe her by as she has a variety of cloaths, among which there is a tartan gown, a white linen ditto, a calico ditto, a striped silk jacket, a new country made linsey woolsey jacket and petticoat, and others of country cloth, &c. When she was away, her intention was to go to Holland with a free mulatto named Mark Stubbs, a most notorious villain, who intended to pass her as his wife and free; he went from Baltimore in a schooner called the Enterprise, and she was disappointed in her scheme by the ship not stopping at Annapolis; she has since, as I am informed, been in and harboured in Annapolis by Mr. [redacted] negroes, and in Baltimore county, between town and Elk-ridge landing, by some free negroes and negroes of Mrs. Owings, who are her brother and daughters; she has been frequently in Baltimore town on Sundays, and at night a mulatto woman's house named Sal Neader who lives among the French houses; she is to Stubbs and harbours her. Any person who will secure her in any gaol in this or any other state shall receive the above reward, and be brought home reasonable charges, paid by

DAVID KERR.

Baltimore, Sept. 2, 1780.

THIS is to give notice to all persons who it may concern, that the inhabitants of Baltimore county intend to petition the general assembly for leave to bring in a bill to empower the justices of said county to levy money on the inhabitants thereof, in order to repair the court-house, repair the public gaol, and build a gaol yard.

Charles county, William and Mary parish, October 3, 1780.

NOTICE is hereby given, that after publication of this advertisement, a petition will be preferred to the general assembly of this state, praying that a law may be passed to tax the parishioners of the parish of St. Margaret, for the purpose of repairing the globe house.

Signed by order of the vestry,
T. HARRIS, clerk.

Westminster Church, Sept. 26, 1780.

NOTICE is hereby given, that after publication of this advertisement, a petition will be preferred to the honourable the general assembly of this state, praying that a law may be passed, to tax the parishioners of the parish of St. Margaret, Westminster, for the purpose of supporting a minister of the gospel, and for defraying other necessary parochial expenses.

Signed per order of vestry,
SAMUEL JACOBS, register.

STOLEN out of the stable of the subscriber at his quarter near the city of Annapolis, on the night of the twentieth day of February last, a chestnut sorrel MARE, about thirteen hands three inches high, eight or nine years old, with spring, flaxen mane and tail, one hind leg white, branded on the near, buttock C D, and gallops, and carries her head when not very low. Any person who will give information, or secure the said mare so that the owner may have her again, shall receive one hundred dollars, and if brought home one hundred and fifty dollars, and any person securing the mare so as he may be brought to justice, shall receive a reward of one hundred dollars, paid by

WILLIAM WATSON.

TAKEN up by John Parks, living at Tuckahoe bridge, in Talbot county, a small bay horse; about 13 or 14 years old, darked short, drags his hind feet very much, and has a white star in his forehead; likewise a black mare and colt, the mare is about six years old, docked, has a white star on her forehead, and white saddle spots, the colt is about a year old, neither of them have any visible brand. The owners may have them on proving property and paying charges.

TREASURY OFFICE,

Annapolis, Sept. 13, 1780.

NOTICE is hereby given, that bills of credit are now in the office for exchange, the quota of this state of the bills of credit issued by congress, agreeable to an act of the general assembly.